

Mr. David Edward "Eddie" Trail

March 16, 1958 - April 8, 2016

Mr. David Edward (Eddie) Trail, loving father and grandfather, devoted husband and friend to all...entered heaven healed and free on April 8, 2016.

Born on March 16, 1958 in Baltimore, MD, he was the son of Lorraine Trail Dower and the late David D. Trail. Eddie grew up in Tampa, FL. He spent many years in Salisbury, NC where Eddie met the woman he would love and cherish so well for all the rest of his days.

Everyone loved Eddie. He made it his life's work to ensure others felt noticed and loved. He was a good man...a collector of clowns, a helpful neighbor, a poker player, and affectionately known as "Cookie Monster" & "Joe Cockanoochie" to all the kids. Eddie loved children and animals as they returned that love in full measure. Perhaps the innocent instinctively knew he was a trusted, faithful friend. Eddie was quiet and unassuming, yet able, without words, to let you know how much he cared about you.

He embraced a hard work ethic, after two decades with Dobbs Airline Food Service he went to work for Mantissa Corporation, where he worked for 16 years until he was physically unable to due to his declining health.

He fought a courageous battle with cancer for 15 years, facing every procedure with extreme grace and dignity. Eddie never lost his sense of

humor, at home or in the hospital. He made the nurses laugh. His bright blue eyes sparkled with life to the end. And his bride, who was his soulmate who he adored, was always there, fighting by his side.

Eddie is survived by his wife Joanne Trail; his children, Melissa trail (Steve); Michelle Trail (Bryan), both of Tampa, FL and Graeme (Jennifer) Lay of Orlando, FL; his grandchildren, Alexis, 19; Natalia, 15; Lennon, 11; Ethan,7; Carter, 2; and Dani,1; his mother, Lorraine Dower and step-father Jim of Bradenton, FL; his step-mother, Barbara Trail of Tampa, FL; his siblings, Kim Macknew , Thomas Trail, and Dawn (Anthony) Smith; and numerous beloved nieces and nephews.

In addition to his father, David D. Trail he was preceded in death by his precious granddaughter, Abigail. May Eddie's legacy of compassion and kindness live on in all of us who will miss this good man with all our hearts... until we meet again.

A Celebration of Life Service will be conducted at 2 PM – Saturday (April 23) at the Summersett Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Eddie Clark officiating.

The family wishes to express their deepest appreciation to the doctors and nurses at Wake Forest Baptist and Rowan Family Physicians for offering excellent medical care and for treating Eddie with gentleness and respect.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to his dearest friend Cassie and the whole Mantissa Corporation for all their love, support, and generosity.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you consider honoring Eddie's life by making a gift to the American Cancer Society, Rowan County, 4 A Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27407.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **23**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Bill Fogle, Eric & Heather Shaver, Marley & Mela purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Mr. David Edward "Eddie" Trail.*



Bill Fogle, Eric & Heather Shaver, Marley & Mela - April 21, 2016 at 02:04 PM

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“ *Your Mantissa Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mr. David Edward "Eddie" Trail.*



Your Mantissa Family - April 20, 2016 at 03:49 PM

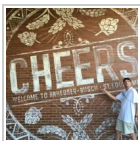


“ I worked with David (as we knew him), at Mantissa for his entire tenure. We started the same year. He was affectionately known as a company prankster - probably most notably known for his sneak attack, whipped cream in the face birthday pie. This prank led to unofficial company rules on pie facing, including what time you could pie someone and a "no retaliation" rule which was imposed. He threatened me every year around my birthday week with this pie, however he never did go through with it. He did, however, help shrink wrap my car one year.

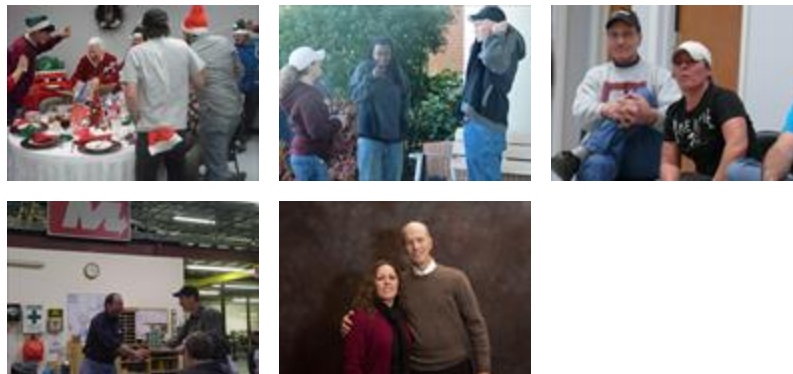
There is one prank I remember fondly - we had a company field trip to a job-site, followed by dinner at the local chinese buffet. Out of the back, the wait staff comes out with a cake singing "happy birthday" to another employee. I was confused, as I knew it wasn't this employees birthday? And then I saw the smile on David's face and realized he was responsible. To this day, anytime I'm out to eat and the wait staff comes out singing, I smile and think of David. He was well loved and will truly be missed.

Heather Erceg

Heather Howell Erceg - April 12, 2016 at 07:46 PM



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Andy Fortenbery - April 12, 2016 at 02:42 PM

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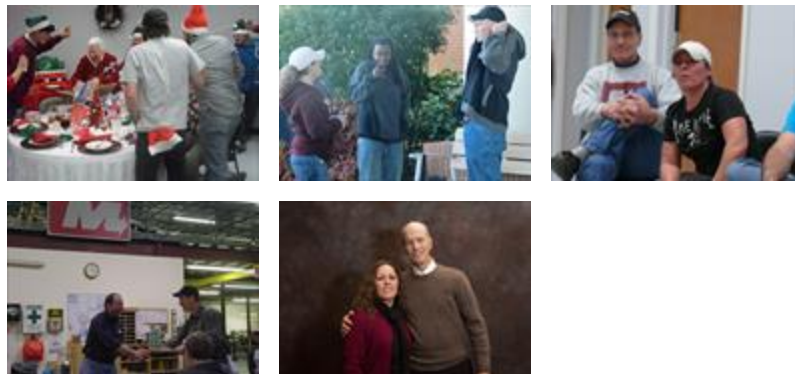
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Andrew B Fortenbery - April 12, 2016 at 02:37 PM

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Andrew B Fortenbery - April 12, 2016 at 02:36 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of Mr. David Edward "Eddie" Trail.



April 11, 2016 at 10:24 PM



“ *David is a friend father of children grandfather brother of another Mother. We had a thing we we bowled on a team that we were having a bad game we would put up a quarter on the table to raise our game .It worked. He has the best left handed shot. We had a card game that he showed us 2 For Your Mama. One of my great things was when I won World title from him.Had it for 2 weeks before he won it back. made him work for it.love him and miss him.Love Uncle Harold*

Harold Walker - April 11, 2016 at 09:40 PM

YV

“ *Deepest condolences to all of you - may he rest in peace*

Yvonne M Tampa



yvonne - April 11, 2016 at 08:15 PM

LJ

“ *Every memory of Eddie will bring him closer-if we all kept a litte of Eddie inside of us and tried to find his essence in others, the world would be a much better place.
Rest in peace dear brother until we meet again~
Love Willy and Laura*

Laura Johannesen - April 11, 2016 at 02:04 PM



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Dawn Smith - April 11, 2016 at 12:19 PM



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